

What is claimed is:

1. A method for regenerating an immobilized enzyme for lipolysis which exhibits a reduced activity after having been used for lipolysis, which comprises the steps of

- (a) washing the immobilized enzyme comprising fatty acids with a solvent;
- (b) controlling an equilibrium concentration of the fatty acids in the solvent;
- (c) removing the washed immobilized enzyme therefrom, and
- (d) contacting the resulting immobilized enzyme with a fresh enzyme, wherein the fresh enzyme adsorbs onto the immobilized enzyme.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the equilibrium concentration of the fatty acids in the washing liquid is adjusted to fall within a range of from about 4 to 28 wt.%.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, n-hexane, and mixtures thereof.